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SUBJ: PRIMIN DEMIREL ON U.S. TURKISH RELATIONS

1. JANUARY 21 PRIMIN DEMIREL REVIEWED WITH THE ASTICE PARTY

ASSEMBLY GROUP THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS NATIONALIST FRONT
GOVERNMENT IN SEVERAL AREAS. THE PROTION OF HIS STATEMENT
DEALING WITH US-TURKISH RELATIONS WAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE
IN THE JANUARY 22 PRESS.

2. DEMIREL DELCARED THAT TURKEY'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS WERE
THOSE OF A "PEACEMAKER". "AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR"
TURKEY HAD JOINED "IN A COMMON STRUGGLE" WITH LIKE-MINDED
STATES "TO PROTECT AND SUSTAIN LIBERAL DEMOCRACY". NOTING
THAT "NOT (RPT NOT) ONE OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH FELT THE NEED
FOR DEFENDING THIS CAUSE YEARS AGO HAS SINCE COME TO BELIEVE
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THAT THIS NEED HAS CEASED", DEMIREL TURNED TO US-TURKISH

RELATIONS WITH THIS RHETORICAL QUESTION, "WHAT, WHOM, AND WHAT AIM WILL AMERICA SERVE BY WEAKENING TURKEY WITH AN EMBARGO?" DEMIREL CONTINUED, "THE AMERICAN CONGRESS SHOULD NOT (RPT NOT) COME BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE. IT SHOULD ABANDON PARTIALITY TOWARD GREECE. THIS (PARTIALITY) BOTH PUSHES TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS INTO MORE OF A DEAD END AND HARMS TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IT THREATENS PEACE. WHETHER TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AGAIN BECOME HARMONIOUS DEPENDS UPON THE COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. I WANT TO HOPE THAT TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE NEVER DESTROYED BECAUSE OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS."
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